

THE FORMATION AND EVOLUTION OF PLANETARY SYSTEMS: FIRST RESULTS FROM A SPITZER LEGACY SCIENCE PROGRAM

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ABSTRACT

We present 3-160 μ m photometry obtained with the IRAC and MIPS instruments for the first five targets from the Spitzer Legacy Science Program “Formation and Evolution of Planetary Systems” and 4-35 μ m spectro-photometry obtained with the IRS for two sources. We discuss in detail our observations of the debris disks surrounding HD 105 (G0V, 30 \pm 10 Myr) and HD 150706 (G3V, \sim 700 \pm 300 Myr). For HD 105, possible interpretations include large bodies clearing the dust inside of 45 AU or a reservoir of gas capable of sculpting the dust distribution. The disk surrounding HD 150706 also exhibits evidence of a large inner hole in its dust distribution. Of the four survey targets without previously detected IR excess, spanning ages 30 Myr to 3 Gyr, the new detection of excess in just one system of intermediate age suggests a variety of initial conditions or divergent evolutionary paths for debris disk systems orbiting solar-type stars.

Subject headings: stars, circumstellar disks, planet formation

1. INTRODUCTION

A combination of optical, infrared, and millimeter observations has provided incontrovertible evidence over the past two decades that most stars are surrounded at birth by circumstellar accretion disks (e.g. Beckwith and Sargent, 1996). That at least some of these disks build planets has become clear from radial velocity and photometric studies revealing $M \sin i = 0.2\text{--}15 M_J$ planets orbiting nearby stars (e.g. Marcy et al. 2000). More indirect but still compelling evidence of planet formation comes from optical and infrared imaging of a few debris disks (e.g. Kalas, Liu, & Mathews 2004 and Weinberger et al. 1999). These solar system-sized dust disks are comprised of micron-sized grains produced as by-products of collisions between asteroid-like bodies with orbits expected to be dynamically stirred by massive planets (e.g. Lagrange et al. 2000).

Following the IRAS discovery of excess infrared emission associated with Vega (Auman et al. 1984), IRAS and ISO identified several dozen debris disks around fairly

luminous main sequence stars. Neither observatory, however, had the sensitivity to detect *solar-type stars* down to photospheric levels at distances greater than a few pc, up to now preventing a complete census of solar-system-like debris disks over a wide ranges of stellar ages. The extant samples have made it difficult to infer the typical path of debris disk evolution (Habing et al. 1999; Meyer and Beckwith, 2000; Spangler et al. 2001). The unprecedented sensitivity of the Spitzer Space Telescope (Spitzer; Werner et al. 2004) will enable the Legacy Science Program *The Formation and Evolution of Planetary Systems: Placing Our Solar System in Context* to search for debris systems around 330 stars with spectral types F8V to K3V and ages ranging from 3 Myr to 3 Gyr. Observations and results described here are from early validation data taken with all three Spitzer instruments. Targets were selected from among those visible during the validation campaign of December 2003 to be representative of the overall FEPS sample, the primary control variable of which is stellar age. Observed were HD 105, HD 47875, HD 150706, HD 157664, and HD 161897 ranging in age from 30 Myr to 3

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Gyr. We report here photometry for all of these stars, and low resolution spectro-photometry for two with observed IR excess, HD 105 and HD 150706.

Stellar properties for our validation sample are summarized here and reported in Table 1. HD 105 (G0V, Houk 1978; 40 ± 1 pc, Hipparcos) is a kinematic member of the Tuc-Hor moving group (Mamajek et al. 2004). It is a coronally and chromospherically active dwarf star with youth established through its Li I $\lambda 6707$ equivalent width (e.g. Wichmann et al. 2003), its position in the HR diagram, and activity indicators such as X-ray emission (Cutispoto et al. 2002) and Ca II HK emission (Wright et al. 2004). We adopt an age of 30 ± 10 Myr for HD 105. HD 150706 (G3V, Buscombe 1998; 27 ± 0.4 pc, Hipparcos) is an active main sequence dwarf with chromospheric Ca II HK emission (Wright et al. 2004) suggesting an age of 635-1380 Myr adopting the calibration of Donahue et al. (1996) and coronal X-ray emission (Voges et al. 1999). The Li I $\lambda 6707$ equivalent width (e.g. Soderblom & Mayor 1993) indicates an age consistent with possible kinematic membership in the UMa group (e.g. King et al. 2003) of ~ 300 -500 Myr. We adopt the weighted average of these two age estimates, 700 ± 300 Myr for HD 150706. HD 47875 is a young active X-ray emitting star (Favata et al. 1995) with kinematics consistent with membership in the local association. We assign an age of 30–200 Myr to this source. HD 157664 is a galactic disk field star. Because there are no indications of youth and because volume-limited samples of sun-like stars are most likely 1–3 Gyr old (e.g. Rocha-Pinto et al. 2000), we tentatively assign this age to HD 157664. HD 161897 is similarly inactive and we assign a preliminary age based on its Ca II H & K emission (Wright et al. 2004) of 1–3 Gyr.

2. SPITZER SPACE TELESCOPE DATA

Next we describe the data acquisition and reduction strategies for each instrument. The derived flux densities for all five sources are presented in Table 2.

IRAC (Fazio et al. 2004) observations in each of the four channels used the 32×32 pixel sub-array mode with an effective integration time of 0.01 sec per image (frame-time of 0.02 sec). The 64 images at each position in the four-point-random dither pattern provided a total integration time of 2.56 sec per channel. We began with the Basic Calibrated Data (BCD) products of the Spitzer Science Center (SSC) S9.1 data pipeline as described in the Spitzer Observer’s Manual v4.0 (hereafter SOM¹⁴). Aperture photometry was performed using IDP3 (Schneider & Stobie 2002) v2.9. We used a 2-pixel radius aperture centered on the target and estimated background beyond an 8-pixel radius as the median of ~ 820 pixels. Background flux was normalized to the area of the target aperture and subtracted from the summed target flux. The final source flux is the median of the 256 measures, corrected from a 2-pixel radius to the 10-pixel radius used for the IRAC instrumental absolute flux calibration. Measurement uncertainty was estimated as the standard error in the mean and added in quadrature to an absolute flux calibration uncertainty of 10%.

Low resolution ($\lambda/\Delta\lambda \simeq 70 - 120$) spectra were obtained with the IRS (Houck et al. 2004) over the entire

wavelength range available ($5.2\text{--}38 \mu\text{m}$) for all validation targets. We present here reduced spectral observations in Figure 1 for HD 105 and HD 150706 only. We used an IRS high-accuracy blue peak-up to acquire the source in the spectrograph slit. Integration times per exposure were 6 sec over the short-low wavelength range ($5.2\text{--}14.5 \mu\text{m}$), and either 6 sec (HD 150706) or 14 sec (HD 105) over the long-low wavelength range ($14.0\text{--}38.0 \mu\text{m}$). One cycle, resulting in spectra at two nod positions, was obtained in staring mode for averaging and estimating the noise. The BCDs resulting from the SSC pipeline S9.1 were reduced within the SMART software package (Higdon et al. 2004, in preparation). We used the *droopres* data products before stray-light and flat-field corrections were applied. Spectra were extracted assuming point source profiles with a fiducial width of 5-6 pixels in the center of the orders but allowing for variable width to account for increasing PSF size as a function of wavelength. Residual emission (mostly due to solar system zodiacal dust) was subtracted using adjacent pixels. The background-subtracted spectrum was divided by the spectrum of a photometric standard star (α Lac) and multiplied by an appropriately-binned template spectrum for this standard provided by the IRS instrument team. Random errors calculated from the difference between the two independent spectra were added in quadrature with an estimated 15 % uncertainty in absolute flux calibration to produce the spectra shown in Figure 1.

MIPS (Rieke et al. 2004) observations were obtained in all three bands using the small field photometry mode with 2 cycles of 3 sec Data Collection Events (DCEs) at $24 \mu\text{m}$ and 2 cycles of 10 sec DCEs at $160 \mu\text{m}$, approaching the confusion limit (Dole et al. 2004). At $70 \mu\text{m}$, we observed HD 105, HD 150706 and HD 161897 for 2 cycles, HD 157664 for 4 cycles and HD 47875 for 7 cycles all with 10 sec DCEs. After initial processing by the SSC S9.1 pipeline to provide reconstructed pointing information, the MIPS data were further reduced using the MIPS Data Analysis Tool (DAT, v2.71) developed by the MIPS Instrument Team (Gordon et al. 2004). This includes the “enhancer” portion of the DAT, which corrects for distortion in individual images and combines them onto a sub-sampled tangential plane mosaic. We present images of HD 105 and HD 150706 at 70 and $160 \mu\text{m}$ in Figure 2. Aperture photometry was performed in IDP3 with target apertures of $14.99''$, $29.70''$, and $47.8''$ at 24, 70, and $160 \mu\text{m}$, respectively. We used background annuli of $29.97\text{--}42.46''$ for 24 μm , $39.6\text{--}79.2''$ for 70 μm , and $47.9\text{--}79.8''$ for 160 μm . The mean background per pixel was scaled to the appropriate aperture size and subtracted from the summed flux inside each aperture. Random uncertainties were determined from the ensemble of measurements for the 24 μm observations, and from the noise in the background for the mosaicked images at 70 and $160 \mu\text{m}$. These error estimates were added in quadrature with uncertainties in the absolute calibration of 10, 20, and 40 % for 24, 70, and $160 \mu\text{m}$ respectively as measured for sources as faint as 60 mJy as 70 μm . Upper limits were derived for sources not detected based on photometry attempted at the source position estimated from the coordinates given in the image headers. Three times the estimated noise was

¹⁴<http://ssc.spitzer.caltech.edu/documents/som/>

used to determine an upper limit if the inferred SNR of the measured flux was $< 3\sigma$.

3. SPECTRAL ENERGY DISTRIBUTIONS OF TARGETS

We present SEDs for HD 105 and HD 150706 in Figure 1. We have adopted the recommended (SOM) central wavelengths and have not applied color-corrections which are still uncertain and much smaller than the quoted absolute calibration uncertainties. The photospheric emission component was modeled by fitting Kurucz atmospheres including convective overshoot to available *BV* Johnson, *vby* Stromgren, *B_TV_T* Tycho, *H_p* Hipparcos, *RI* Cousins, and *J, H, K_s* 2MASS photometry. Predicted magnitudes were computed as described in Cohen et al. (2003, and references therein) using the combined system response of filter, atmosphere (for ground-based observations), and detector. The best-fit Kurucz model was computed in a least squares sense with the effective temperature and normalization constant (i.e. radius) as free parameters, [Fe/H] fixed to solar metallicity, and surface gravity fixed to the value appropriate for the adopted stellar age and mass. Visual extinction was fixed to $A_V = 0^m$ for stars with distances less than 40 pc, assumed to be within the dust-free Local Bubble, but a free parameter for HD 47875 and HD 157664. The adopted stellar parameters are listed in Table 1.

Emission in excess of that expected from the stellar photospheres is found in two of our five validation targets, HD 105 and HD 150706. The remaining three validation targets have no significant excess emission and were not detected at 70 μm despite sensitivities comparable to the HD 105 and HD 150706 observations. We place limits on the ratio L_{IR}/L_* for these three stars based on the observed upper limits (assuming a dust temperature of ~ 40 K) in Table 1 and discuss the two excess sources in detail.

HD 105 was found to have an IR excess by Silverstone (2000) based on 60 and 90 μm ISO/ISOPHOT measurements. We confirm that with Spitzer measurements of excess at 70 and 160 μm but find no obvious excess at $\lambda < 35$ μm based on the IRS spectra or IRAC/MIPS photometry. The total flux in the excess calculated via trapezoidal integration from 24 to 1200 microns is $\sim 1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ W m}^{-2}$, corresponding to $L_{IR}/L_* = \sim 3.9 \times 10^{-4}$. Assuming a temperature of ~ 40 K, the estimated solid angle subtended by total effective particle cross-section is $\sim 2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ sr} = 13 \text{ AU}^2$ for $d = 40$ pc. Based on the 24 μm measurement, we estimate there can be no more than 3×10^{-3} as much radiating area at 100 K, and $< 4 \times 10^{-5}$ as much at 300 K, as there is at 40 K. HD 150706 has a newly discovered IR excess at 70 μm , but only an upper limit at 160 μm and no evidence for excess at $\lambda < 35$ μm . The total flux in the excess is $\sim 3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ W m}^{-2}$, corresponding to fractional IR luminosity $\sim 5.4 \times 10^{-5}$. Assuming a temperature < 84 K, the total effective particle cross-section is $> 0.09 \text{ AU}^2$ for $d = 27$ pc.

4. DISK PROPERTIES AND INTERPRETATION

Following arguments employed for Vega and the other main sequence debris disk archetypes discovered by IRAS (Backman and Paresce 1993), we assume the IR excess emission around HD 105 and HD 150706 is from grains orbiting, and in thermal equilibrium with radiation from,

the central stars. Model inner and outer radii for disks containing the cold material around HD 105 and HD 150706 can be calculated with assumptions regarding grain composition, size distributions, and spatial distributions. The lack of distinct mineralogical features in the observed IRS spectra (which would constrain the dust properties) means there can be no unique model but rather a range of models that satisfy the observations. For HD 150706 the single data point for the IR excess translates into a limit that the material must lie farther from the star than ~ 11 AU if it is in the form of “blackbody” grains larger than the longest wavelength of significant emission. Smaller grains would satisfy the same temperature constraint at larger distances from the star. The material around HD 105 is consistent with being distributed in a narrow ring with inner edge R_{IN} at 42 ± 6 AU and an outer edge at $R_{OUT} - R_{IN} < 4$ AU if “blackbody” grains are assumed. The ranges result from photometric uncertainty and are independent of the assumed grain surface density radial power law exponent within the range $\Sigma(r) \sim r^{[-2.0, 0]}$. If material in the inner “hole” is assumed to have constant surface density with radius (as would be produced through the Poynting–Robertson (P–R) effect), the surface density in the zone at $r < R_{IN}$ is less than 3×10^{-2} of the model surface density at $r > R_{IN}$. Another family of models containing intermediate-sized (graybody) grains with emissivity falling as $1/\lambda$ beyond $\lambda = 40 \mu\text{m}$ possesses inner edges R_{IN} ranging from about 50 to 70 AU and outer edges R_{OUT} ranging from 250 to 1500 AU depending on the assumed radial power law exponent of the surface density distribution.

Given the above results for HD 105 and HD 150706 from simple models with strong (but reasonable) assumptions about the grain properties of the observed disks, we now explore ranges of disk models that are consistent with the data following Wolf & Hillenbrand (2003). For grain compositions we assumed “astronomical” silicate plus graphite in the ISM ratio and surface density distribution $\Sigma(r) \propto r^0$. The mass of the disk was adjusted to match the peak flux in the infrared excess. Parameters such as grain size distribution $n(a) \sim a^{-p}$ power-law exponent, minimum/maximum grain size, and the inner/outer edge of the disk, were varied to find the range of values consistent with the observed spectral energy distribution of HD 105. The models were relatively insensitive to the radial density distribution exponent. The wavelength at which the dust re-emission spectrum begins to depart significantly from the stellar photosphere was used to find the smallest grain size and smallest inner disk radius consistent with the data. These two parameters are degenerate resulting in single grain sizes in the range 0.3, 5, and 8 μm requiring inner gap sizes of 1000, 120, and 42 AU respectively. Adopting a minimum grain size of 5 μm and allowing for a grain size distribution up to 100 or 1000 μm produced lower χ^2 fits and decreased the required inner radius from 120 to 45 AU (32 AU for $a_{MIN} \sim 8 \mu\text{m}$ or larger). The upper grain size, if one exists, and the outer radius are not well constrained in the absence of sub-millimeter measurements. The mass in grains < 1 mm for the above models is between 9×10^{-8} and $4 \times 10^{-7} M_\odot$. For HD 150706, we used the measured 70 μm flux and 160 μm upper limit and the methodology outlined above to model the disk. Compared to HD 105, we find a smaller

minimum grain size (0.3 or 1 μm) and a narrower disk (inner radius ~ 45 or ~ 20 AU respectively with outer radius < 100 AU). For the remaining three objects, we used the best-fit model for HD 150706, and scaled the results to the observed upper-limits on L_{IR}/L_* to derive the dust mass upper limits given in Table 1.

In the cases of our two disk detections, assuming a grain density ¹⁵ of 2.5 g/cm³ we can calculate the P–R drag timescale. For HD 105 removal of 5 μm grains occurs < 15 Myr at 45 AU compared to a stellar age of 30 Myr, suggesting that any such small grains are regenerated, perhaps through collisions of planetesimals. However, given the optical depth of the dust (15–300 AU², the radiating cross-sectional area), the timescale for dust grains to collide is $< 10^6$ yrs suggesting that collisions as well as P–R drag are important in determining the actual size distribution of the dust as well as its radial surface density profile. For HD 150706 the P–R drag timescale for 1 μm grains at 20 AU is < 1 Myr compared to an age of 700 ± 300 Myr suggesting regeneration of dust through collisions of planetesimals as in the case of HD 105. In both cases the lack of circumstellar material in the inner disk (expected from a model of P–R drag) suggests: 1) something is preventing dust at 20–45 30 AU from reaching the sublimation radius in the inner disk; and 2) a lack of significant numbers of colliding planetesimals inside of 20–45 AU. This suggests that the inner region is relatively clear of small bodies, consistent with some estimates for the timescale of terrestrial planet formation (e.g. Kenyon and Bromley, 2004). The presence of one or more large planets interior to ~ 20 –45 AU may explain the inner edge of the outer dust disk (e.g. Moro-Martín and Malhotra, 2003). The preceding

discussion presumed that the gas to dust mass ratio is < 0.1 , for which the dust dynamics are driven by interactions with the radiation field of the central star. Our high resolution IRS observations of the ~ 30 Myr star HD 105, still under analysis, should be sensitive to small amounts of gas between 50–200 K. The presence of a remnant inner gas disk can influence dust migration and produce a ring morphology such as we infer for the dust (Takeuchi and Artymowicz, 2001).

HD 150706, with an age of 700 ± 300 Myr, is less likely to retain a gas-rich disk than HD 105 (e.g. Zuckerman et al. 1995). However, it does exhibit evidence for a previously undetected dust disk while HD 47875, HD 157664, and HD 161897, ranging in age from 30 Myr to 3 Gyr, do not at levels comparable to the HD 150706 detection (Table 1). The disk surrounding HD 150706 has a hole devoid of dust with inner radius of at least 20 AU, comparable to the disk surrounding HD 105. Perhaps the inner region of this disk is being kept clear by the presence of larger bodies as discussed above. While we cannot draw robust conclusions from these small samples, it is clear that other factors (range in primordial disk properties and/or variations in evolutionary histories?) are required to explain the growing body of debris disk observations besides a simple monotonic decrease in dust mass with age.

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¹⁵This density is appropriate for solid silicate dust grains which we assume are the result of comminuted Kuiper Belt Object or cometary analogs whose bulk densities are lower.

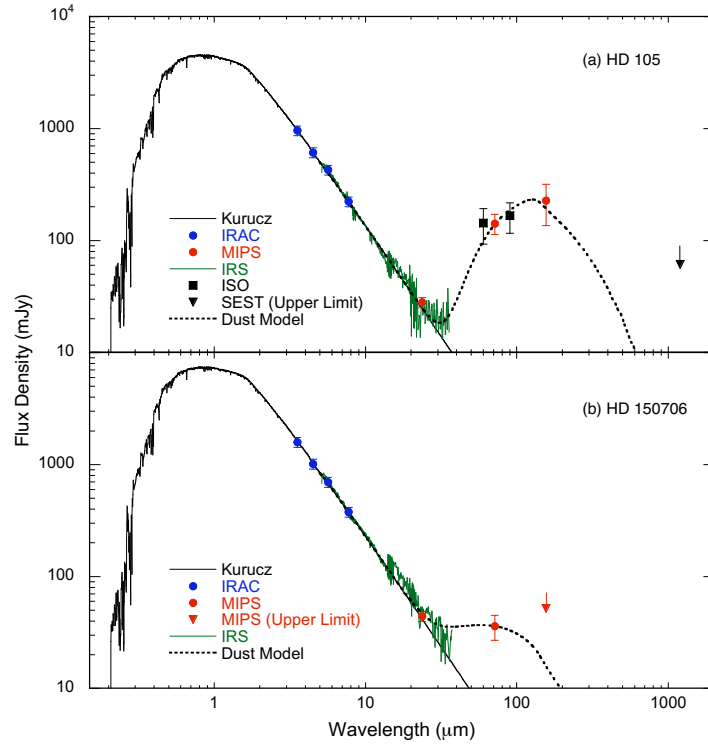


FIG. 1.— Spectral energy distributions for HD 105 and HD 150706 using data from Table 2 and stellar models from Table 1. Also shown are representative models for the dust debris disks surrounding HD 105 ($R_{IN}/R_{OUT} = 45/300AU$; $a_{min}/a_{max} = 5/100\mu m$) and HD 150706 ($R_{IN}/R_{OUT} = 20/100AU$; $a_{min}/a_{max} = 1/100\mu m$) discussed in the text.

FIG. 2.— MIPS 70 and 160 μm images from which photometry was derived. These images have been four times over-sampled. [NOTE: See separate file for download.]

TABLE 1
ADOPTED STELLAR AND DERIVED CIRCUMSTELLAR PROPERTIES

Name	SpT	T_{eff}/K ¹	$\log(L_*/L_\odot)$ ¹	$\log(g)$ ¹	A_V/mag ¹	τ/Myr ²	d/pc ²	$\log L_{\text{IR}}/L_*$	M_{DUST}/M_\odot ³	R_{IN}/AU ³	R_{OUT}/AU ³
HD 105	G0V	6063	0.11	4.47	0.00	30 ± 10	40 ± 1	-3.41	$\sim 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$	45.0	—
HD 47875	G3V	5886	0.10	4.61	0.36	30-200	70	< -3.85	$< 1.8 \times 10^{-7}$	—	—
HD 150706	G3V	5958	-0.03	4.62	0.00	700 ± 300	27 ± 0.4	-4.27	$\sim 6.9 \times 10^{-8}$	20	<100
HD 157664	G0	6494	0.63	4.50	0.18	1000-3000	84 ± 5	< -4.22	$< 6.1 \times 10^{-8}$	—	—
HD 161897	K0	5579	-0.18	4.50	0.00	1000-3000	29 ± 1	< -4.31	$< 6.3 \times 10^{-8}$	—	—

NOTE.—

¹ Based on the photospheric model fitting procedure described in the text.

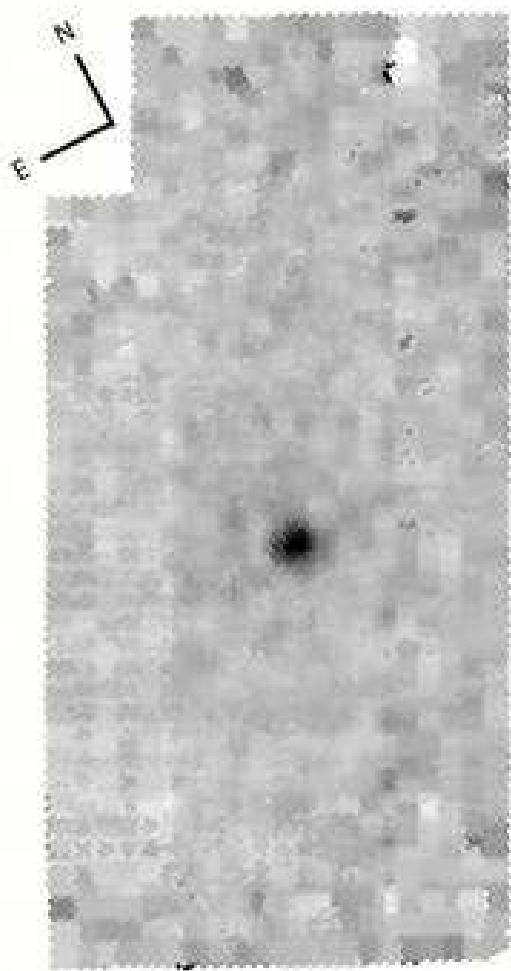
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³ Based on the circumstellar disk models described in the text.

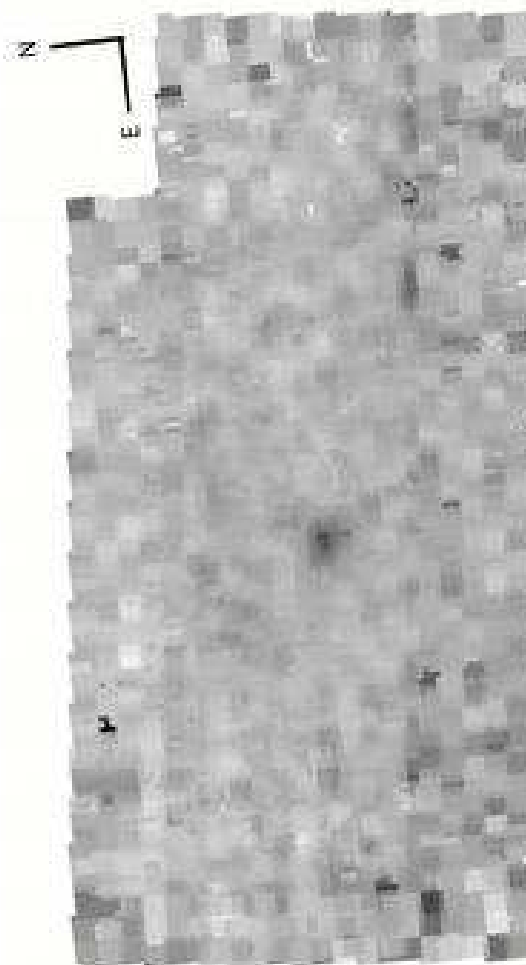
TABLE 2
SPITZER PHOTOMETRY IN MILLI-JY

Source	3.6 μm	σ	4.5 μm	σ	5.8 μm	σ	8.0 μm	σ	24 μm	σ	70 μm	σ	160 μm	σ
HD 105	960	96	610	61	427	43	222	22	28.0	3.0	142	29	227	91
HD 47875	327	33	210	21	153	16	77	8	9.4	1.1	< 18	NA	< 42	NA
HD 150706	1587	159	1014	102	697	70	377	38	44.2	4.5	36	9	< 52	NA
HD 157664	582	58	368	37	252	25	133	13	15.0	1.7	< 18	NA	< 36	NA
HD 161897	1142	114	715	72	495	50	266	27	29.5	3.1	< 19	NA	< 35	NA

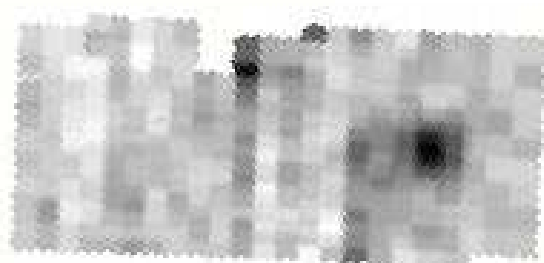
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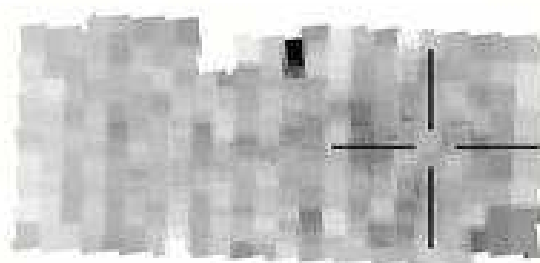
(a) HD 105 (70 μ m)



(b) HD 150706 (70 μ m)



(c) HD 105 (160 μ m)



(d) HD 150706 (160 μ m)